

a bill to amend Articles 400 and 401 of the Penal Code do not pass, was adopted.

A bill to suspend the operation of the estray laws was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Judiciary Committee recommending that a joint resolution to change the Constitution do not pass, was adopted.

A bill for relief of heirs of Francis L. Toncary was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Friday, December 4, 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, roll called quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Public Lands reported adversely to a bill to regulate the cancellation of patents.

The Committee on Finance recommended the passage of a bill intended to relieve the heirs of Benjamin D. Nobles.

The Committee on Education recommended the passage of a bill to incorporate Port Sullivan College.

The Committee on Confederate Relations recommended the passage of a bill in relation to Confederate money.

Mr. Parsons introduced a bill to incorporate the Rusk County Iron Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to provide for electing Senators and Representatives to the 11th Legislature of the State in counties occupied by the public enemy was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to amend the 1st section of an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize the County Courts to regulate the pay of the sheriffs in certain cases was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Committee on Public Lands adversely to a bill to repeal an act to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin was adopted.

A bill to amend the caption and 1st section of an act relating to forfeitures was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Finance Committee adversely to a bill to establish a Board of Commerce and Manufactures was adopted [by a vote of 20 to 3. Source: *Tri-Weekly Telegraph* (Houston), December 7, 1863].

A bill to provide for the protection of the frontier was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Committee on State Affairs adversely to the memorial of James Browne was adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend Article 960 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Bastrop Iron Company was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of J. M. Bound's Company was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of William B. Burns was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Hartley introduced a bill to establish the salaries of members of the Military Board. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.²¹

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Saturday, December 5, 1863
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on State Affairs recommended the

²¹The report of the Judiciary Committee is as follows:

Hon. F. S. Stockdale—Pres. Senate:

The Committee on the Judiciary have had the bill to be entitled an act to establish the salary of the members of the Military Board under consideration.

The committee are of opinion that the passage of other bills has rendered this unnecessary and I am directed to report it back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

Spencer Ford
One of Committee